

**REMARKS****I. Status of the Claims:**

Claims 1-27 are currently pending. Claims 1-12, 14-19 and 21-26 have been allowed.

By this Amendment, claims 13, 20 and 27 have been amended. Claim 28 has been newly added. No new matter has been introduced by this Amendment.

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-28 would be pending.

**II. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102:**

Claims 13, 20 and 27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Kuno (U.S. Patent No. 6,067,624). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections, as follows.

Claim 13, as amended, recites permission command issuing unit for issuing a permission command of the video camera control right to a client in response to the video camera control right acquisition request received by the reception unit. When the reception unit receives both the video camera control command and the video camera control right acquisition request from a client while the client is not granted the video camera control right but the permission command issuing unit can issue the permission command to the client, the control unit controls the video camera in accordance with the video camera control command.

For similar reasons as allowed claim 1, the cited references do not disclose or suggested the above-noted claimed feature. For instance, Kuno manages a camera control right request and a camera control request using registration queue (e.g., Fig. 5) and therefore fails to teach or suggest the permission command issuing unit functioning together with the reception unit as claimed. Accordingly, claim 13 and its dependent claim are distinguishable over the cited

references. Similarly, claims 20 and 27, as amended, are also distinguishable over the cited references.

### CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

### AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4459.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4459.

Respectfully submitted,  
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